

In the Claims

Please amend the claims presented during the international phase as follows.

Applicant presents a full set of claims showing markups of the claims with insertions and deletions indicated by underlining (or double bracketing) and strikethrough text, respectively.

1. (Original) A UV sunscreensing composition suitable for cosmetic or topical pharmaceutical use which comprises an amount of one or more organic components which are photosensitive and/or which are degraded and/or in which degradation is induced by another ingredient of the composition, and an amount of TiO_2 and/or ZnO which has been doped with one or more other elements and/or reduced zinc oxide, this composition having a rate of loss of UV absorption at least 5% less than that of a composition having the same formulation except that it does not contain the said TiO_2 and/or ZnO which has been doped with another element or the said reduced zinc oxide.
2. (Original) A composition according to claim 1 which is suitable for cosmetic use.
3. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ which contains TiO_2 and/or ZnO which has not been doped or reduced.
4. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the dopant is manganese, vanadium, chromium or iron.
5. (Original) A composition according to claim 4 wherein the dopant is Mn^{3+} .
6. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the dopant is present in an amount from 0.05% to 10 mole %.
7. (Original) A composition according to claim 6 wherein the dopant is present in an amount from 0.5 to 2 mole % by weight.
8. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ which comprises doped titanium dioxide.

9. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 8 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the titanium dioxide is in rutile form.
10. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ which comprises reduced zinc oxide.
11. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ which comprises 0.5 to 20 mole % by weight of the doped TiO₂ or ZnO or reduced ZnO.
12. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the doped or reduced oxide has a particle size from 1 to 200 nm.
13. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~ wherein the doped or reduced oxide has a particle size from 100 to 500 nm.
14. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein one or more of the said organic components is a UV sunscreen agent.
15. (Original) A composition according to claim 14 wherein the organic sunscreen agent absorbs UV light in the UVA region.
16. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 14 ~~or 15~~ wherein the organic sunscreen agent is a paraaminobenzoic acid, ester or derivative thereof, a methoxy cinnamate ester, a benzophenone, a dibenzylomethane, an alkyl- β,β -phenyl acrylate, a triazine, a camphor derivative, an organic pigment, a silicone based sunscreen agent or 2-phenylbenzimidazol-5 sulphonic acid or phenyldibenzimidazol sulphonic acid.
17. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the said rate of loss of UV absorption is a rate of loss of UVA absorption.
18. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the rate of change of the ratio of the loss of UVA absorption to the loss of

UVB absorption is less than that of a composition of the same formulation except that the TiO₂ and /or ZnO present is not doped.

19. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim ~~18~~ 17 wherein the rate of change of the ratio is greater because the rate of loss of UVA absorption is reduced.

20. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ which comprises 0.1% to 20% by weight of organic sunscreen agent(s).

21. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ which contains one or more of a fatty substance, organic solvent, silicone, thickener, ~~demulsant~~ demulcents, UVB sunscreen agent, antifoaming agent, moisturising agent, perfume preservative, surface activation filler, sequestrant, anionic, cationic, nonionic or amphoteric polymer, propellant, alkalising or acidifying agent, colorant or metal oxide pigment.

22. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ which is a sunscreen.

23. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ which is in the form of a lotion, gel, dispersion, cream, milk, powder or solid stick.

24. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim ~~22 or~~ 23 which comprises a water-dispersible and an oil-dispersible TiO₂ and/or ZnO.

25. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the TiO₂ and/or ZnO is coated with an inorganic or organic solvent.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently amended) A method for reducing the concentration of one or more organic UV sunscreen agents or other ingredients which is photosensitive and/or is degraded and/or in which degradation is induced by another ingredient in a cosmetic UV screening composition, comprising incorporating into the composition Use of a doped or reduced

TiO₂/ZnO as defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 and 4 to 7 to reduce the concentration of one or more organic UV sunscreen agents or other ingredient which is photosensitive and/or is degraded and/or in which degradation is induced by another ingredient in a cosmetic UV screening composition.~~

28. (Currently amended) A method for reducing the rate of loss in UV absorption of a sunscreen composition, comprising incorporating into the composition ~~Use of a doped or reduced TiO₂/ZnO as defined in claim 1 any one of claims 1 and 4 to 7 to reduce the rate of loss in UV absorption of a sunscreen composition.~~

29. (Currently amended) A method for reducing the rate of change of the ratio of the loss of UVA absorption to the loss of UVB absorption in a cosmetic UV screening composition, comprising incorporating into the composition ~~Use of a doped or reduced TiO₂/ZnO as defined in claim 1, any one of claims 1 and 4 to 7 to reduce the rate of change of the ratio of the loss of UVA absorption to the loss of UVB absorption in a cosmetic UV screening composition which wherein the composition comprises one or more organic components which are photosensitive and/or which are degraded by another ingredient of the composition in a relation a composition of the same formulation except that the TiO₂ and /or ZnO present is not doped or reduced.~~

30. (Currently amended) A method of increasing the effectiveness of an organic UV suncreening composition, which comprises one or more components which are photosensitive and/or are degraded and/or in which degradation is induced by another ingredient of the composition which comprises incorporating into the composition a doped or reduced TiO₂/ZnO as defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 and 4 to 7.~~

31. (Currently amended) A method of reducing the production of a toxic compound in a UV sunscreening composition which comprises incorporating therein doped TiO₂ and/or doped or reduced ZnO as defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 and 4 to 7.~~